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Beattie receives 25-year sentence

Maryville resident gets sentenced for killing child

By ABBY SIMONS
MANAGING EDITOR

Testimonials of character and sincere remorse were not convincing enough to keep Michael Beattie out of prison. More than a year after the death of 2-year-old Dayun Boatwright, Beattie, 22, was sentenced to 25 years in prison at the Nodaway County Courthouse Monday.

Sentencing came one month after Beattie pleaded guilty to charges of second-degree murder and child endan-

germent in the toddler's January 2002 death. The charge carries a maximum of 30 years in prison and a minimum of 10 years.

Amy Clark, Boatwright's mother, was sentenced to three years in prison last month after pleading guilty to five counts of child endangerment for leaving Boatwright and two other children in her boyfriend's care after he had previously subjected them to physical abuse.

Upon imposing Beattie's sentence, Judge Roger Prokes told Beattie that, while he would pay the price for his actions, his life was not over.

"If, in fact, you are sorry about what happened, you'll



MICHAEL BEATTIE

work with people and help them understand how important and precious children are," Prokes said. "A child died because of what happened, but that doesn't mean you can't come back and become a contributing member to society."

The ruling came after Prokes heard testimony on behalf of Beattie from former special education teachers as well as family members, each supporting Beattie's character, disposition and treatment of children.

Ron Cox, guidance counselor and teacher at North Nodaway Schools, described Beattie, a 2000 graduate, as a well-mannered student who worked through his learning disabilities.

"In my classroom, he was a

model student," Cox said. "His citizenship and social skills were top notch. I considered Mike to be more than a student. We also became very good friends."

Beattie's mother Kathy McNeese testified that her son, whom she described as "a sensitive child," became overwhelmed after moving in with Boatwright's mother, Amy Clark, from then on taking full financial responsibility for Clark and her three children as well as frequently caring for the children.

"He borrowed money so he could feed the kids," McNeese said. "He got where he had to eat lunch at my mom's all the time because he couldn't afford to buy food."

The stress, defense attorney Jeff Stephens said, resulted in the events of Jan. 15, which led to Boatwright's death five days

later.

"Dayun started to cry and would not stop," Stephens read from a statement Beattie gave to police the night of his arrest. "I shook him and his head hit the (wall) trim. I realized what I'd done and carried him to the neighbor's house and called 911."

Stephens said that, while Beattie's actions resulted in Boatwright's death, they did not warrant a full sentence.

"There are warnings and trainings and billboards that say never shake a child," Stephens said. "Mike didn't know that,



PHOTO COURTESY OF CINDY BOATWRIGHT
Two-year-old Dayun Boatwright died in January 2002, a victim of physical abuse. Michael Beattie was sentenced to 25 years in prison Monday for the child's death.

Drug is hot topic after player dies

Ephedra is banned by NCAA, NBA, NFL, NHL, but not baseball

By PETE GUTSCHENRITTER
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

On Feb. 17, a professional baseball player collapsed before his heart stopped during practice.

Two days later, national media outlets reported that Steve Bechler, 23, pitcher for the Baltimore Orioles, had a bottle of Xenadrine RFA-1 in his locker. The over-the-counter weight-loss product contained ephedrine, a legal supplement similar to ecstasy.

Nearly one month later, an increasing awareness of supplements has swept high school, collegiate and professional locker rooms across the country.

Ephedrine, also known as ephedra, is banned in the National Hockey League, the National Basketball Association, the National Football League and at the NCAA collegiate level. The substance is currently allowed by Major League Baseball.

On the college baseball diamond, Darin Loe, Northwest head baseball coach, said it is a touchy topic.

"I think right now, with everything going on, you just have to be careful with what you get," Loe said. "I don't encourage or condone (athletic supplements)...We don't talk about it as a team much. I know some of our guys take some of that stuff."

Ephedra is one of the things athletes need to stay away from, Loe said.

"Some of the muscle building stuff is good stuff for guys that have a hard time putting on weight," he said. "It goes back to making sure (athletes) use their head about it and use the right stuff."

Mel Tjeerdsma, Northwest head football coach, said substance intake is monitored by the NCAA.

"The NCAA has very stringent rules," Tjeerdsma said. "In football we're subject to year-round tests. Two weeks ago, they tested our team."

The NCAA picks 14 random players from the official roster, Tjeerdsma said. If something is found that is on the banned list, they are suspended for one year.

"There's no doubt that there are health issues with some substances," Tjeerdsma said. "There's a reason (the substances) are banned. And some of (the substances) that aren't

Students petition for new Student Senate constitution

Vote set up for March 24 to March 31

By ABBY SIMONS
MANAGING EDITOR

More than 100 Northwest students have petitioned for a student vote on a new constitution for the Student Government Association.

The petition, finalized late Wednesday, was sent to University President Dean Hubbard, Faculty Senate and Student Senate. The new constitution, written in part and petitioned by sophomore John Lakebrink, has been proposed in order to "reform the hierarchy that currently exists and create a student government that distributes responsibility to more students and not just the top of the hierarchy," Lakebrink wrote.

Features of the new constitution included a three-branch student government, including executive, legislative and judicial branches.

The 101 petitioners set voting dates for March 24 to 31. If ratified, the new constitution will take full effect Aug. 1.

Fulton assumes grand marshal role in ceremony

By SARAH SWEDBURG
CHIEF REPORTER

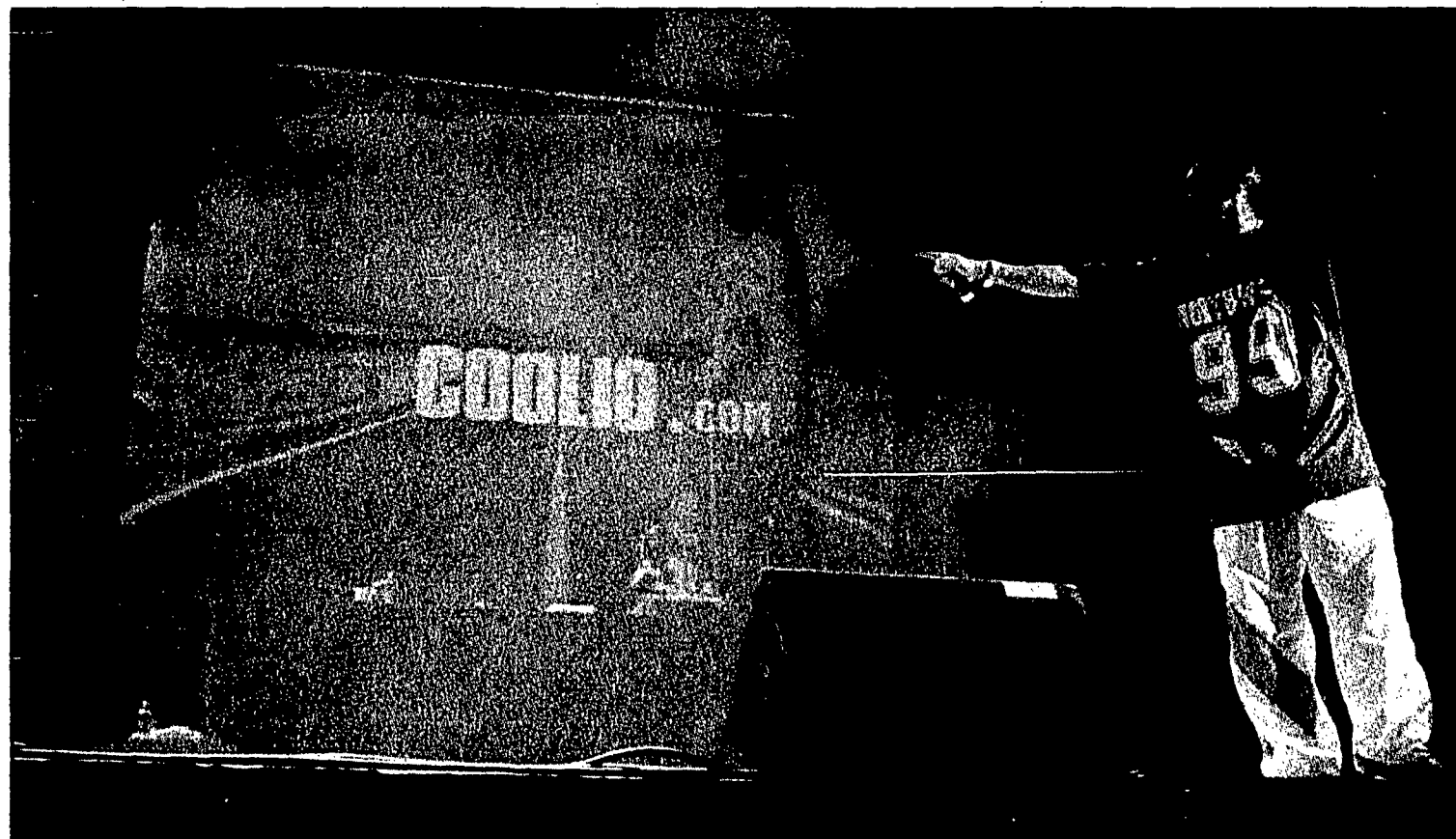
This spring's graduation ceremony will be missing someone, but Northwest's faculty grand marshals have found someone to carry on the role.

Alex Ching always enjoyed his role as grand marshal in Northwest's graduation ceremonies, and now, the role has been passed to Richard Fulton, professor of political science, for the next three years.

According to the Faculty Senate procedure passed in 2001, only faculty marshals will elect the grand marshal from the group.

When Ching passed away, the faculty marshals met and voted on a replacement. They elected Fulton, and they will now teach him his role. Fulton will also report to Faculty Senate on the decisions the marshals made.

The Faculty (Please see 'Marshal' page 5A)



Coolio fans young and old met at Mary Linn Performing Arts Center to see the rapper in action. During his concert, Coolio invited dozens of girls on stage to "shake it" with the man himself. Coolio is looking to get into the film industry now and become a film maker.

Old school rappers take stage at Northwest

Coolio delivers good time with concert

By ABBY SIMONS
MANAGING EDITOR

The lights dimmed. Screams and synthetic smoke filled the air. And then there was Coolio, fool.

Donning a Northwest football jersey and his trademark gravity defying 'do, Northwest's middle school rap hero re-funked the stage of the Mary Linn Auditorium Monday to prove, in the words of the famed 1990s rapper, "Ain't no party like a Northwest party."

Despite a high number of empty seats and an hour-late start

for opening act Rob Base and DJ E-Z Rock, the high-energy performances by the famed old-school rappers left spectators at the Spotlight-sponsored concert beyond satisfied.

"It rocked my face off," said Tim Ramsey, junior marketing major and co-host of KZLX radio show 'Middle School Rock-Out.' "It was great because we play Coolio's music every week. I was disappointed that we didn't have a better crowd though. It's kind of a slap in the face to him. Coolio's a bad-ass."

Lack of attendance despite numerous ticket giveaways in no way hindered the enthusiasm of concertgoers seasoned by last year's performance by Sir-Mix-a-Lot and Tone Loc. After the conjuring of "old school" spirits, the crowd sang along to the rapper's classic jams "I,

2, 3, 4" and "Gangsta's Paradise." Fans young and old also joined Coolio and fellow rapper Ghost onstage for a bump-and-grind session to more recent hits including "I Like Girls" and "Neighborhood Ghetto Square Dance." Other fans were personally greeted by the rapper as he clambered through the crowd during the performance.

"This was probably one of the best concerts I've ever been to for \$8," said St. Joseph resident Tracy Schneider, who was among the most visible in the diverse crowd of onstage dancers. "I usually don't go to rap shows, but when we heard that freakin' Coolio was coming to Northwest, my friends and I were all down."

Others left the concert less than entertained, citing the somewhat outdated (Please see 'Coolio' page 5A)

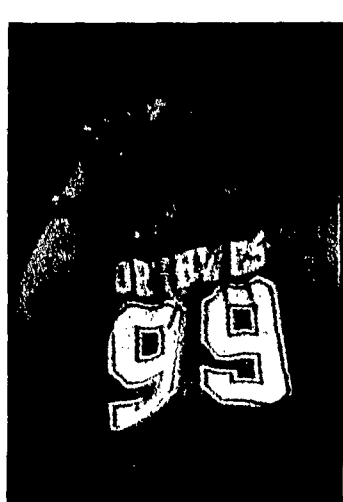


PHOTO BY KERRY JONES/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER
Coolio, along with Rob Base and DJ E-Z Rock, wowed the crowd Monday night. Coolio sang his hits including "Gangsta's Paradise."

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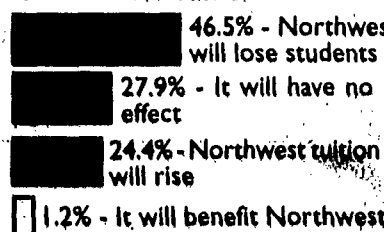
Julian explains Sheryl Crow and...well...you know...how hot she is, unidentified flying objects and the difference between Rob Base and Vanilla Ice. He will reveal all in this week's Ask Julian.



Who is "The Hunted"?
To find out, check the Buzz
Friday for the review.

Poll question:

If Missouri Western becomes a university, how do you think it will affect Northwest?



This week's poll question:

How much would you be willing to pay for tickets to bring your favorite artist to Northwest.

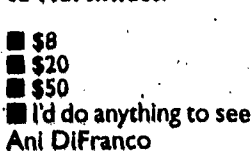




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Phase one begins as Matt Baker, assistant director of Residential Life; Bob Kimmig, president of MW Builders; Dean Hubbard, Northwest president; Kent Porterfield, Northwest vice president

for student affairs; Mark Hetzler, director of Residential Life and Paul Klute, student regent and Residence Hall Association president, break ground for new residents.

University digs into future plans

By PETE GUTSCHENRITTER
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

Northwest officials began 12 years of digging Monday when they broke ground for the new suite-style and apartment-style residence halls.

President Dean Hubbard said the \$100 million project is comparable to the day Northwest obtained University status and when it turned on the Electronic Campus.

"I'm convinced that what we're here today (Monday) to inaugurate is an event like (obtaining university status and turning on the Electronic Campus)," Hubbard said. "It's a major shift in our housing, and we are a residential campus. The vast majority of our students are traditional students...What we're doing here is providing greater options for our students."

As the building process begins, Hubbard said bulldozers and orange construction fences will be a common sight.

"We'll be in some dimension of new construction I suspect over the next ten years," Hubbard said. "My guess is that ten years from now, (the high rises) will

not be here, and this will be filled in with even more of the suite units and the apartments."

Hubbard acknowledged Kent Porterfield, vice president of student affairs, and Ray Courter, vice president of Finance, as being assets to the project. Porterfield has been working on the project in different capacities for the last three years.

Porterfield said the new apartments and suites will take the University to the next level.

"(The project) really marks a new direction for us," Porterfield said. "We have extensively offered one residential experience...and we're moving to a time when we can offer some different options to students that weren't available to them, which we're very excited about."

Porterfield said there is one group of students that he is targeting through the duration of the project.

"I'm most excited for the group of students that really want to live on our campus for many reasons," Porterfield said. "But in the past, they made the choice not to because we weren't offering the types of facilities that they were really most interested in or attracted

to."

MW Builders will be the contractor throughout the four-phase project, Hubbard said. The company has completed hotels and other hospitality venues nationwide.

Bob Kimmig, MW Builders president, said he looks forward to the challenge.

"We're certainly excited about the opportunity to work at Northwest," Kimmig said. "Hopefully, we'll do a good enough job on the first (phase) so we can continue working with the University."

The crew began working on the apartments north of Centennial Drive Tuesday, and they will start digging at the Tundra next week, Kimmig said.

"The first thing we have to do is the earth work," Kimmig said. "The north site has too much dirt and (the Tundra) has too little dirt. We have to bring dirt (to the Tundra)."

Hubbard said cooperation from students will be vital.

"Anytime you have construction going on, you have to depend on the students to show respect for the building site itself and stay out of areas that are blocked off," Hubbard said.

Northwest community emphasizes importance in education

Faculty, students, alumni, staff, administrators lobby at Missouri's state capital

By MICHELLE STACY
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

University members visited the Capitol in Jefferson City Tuesday to take part in Northwest Missouri State University Lobby Day.

More than 120 students, staff, faculty, and administrators spent the day meeting with senators and republicans to talk about Northwest.

"This is a critical year as there are more than 100 new legislators whom we need to educate about Northwest and its importance to the state," said Tom Vansaghi, vice president for university relations.

University members left Maryville a 4 a.m. Tuesday.

Once at the Capitol, they broke into 40 groups consisting of a faculty member and a few students.

The groups then attended scheduled meetings with the senators and representatives to talk about Northwest.

A few of the things discussed included budget issues, the proposed name change of Missouri Western and Missouri Southern state colleges, the economic impact of Northwest on Nodaway County and positive fact about Northwest.

"Overall we just wanted to leave a positive image of Northwest," said Nick Waldo, Northwest student.

The day also included Bobby Bearcat taking pictures with legislators, a jazz ensemble from the University, and an information table about Northwest.

"It was a long day, but I felt like our goals of talking to the senators and putting a face to Northwest was accomplished," said Waldo.

About ten of the representatives stayed in Jefferson City overnight and met with Gov. Bob Holden on Wednesday to once again talk about the importance of Northwest.

Vansaghi said the day was a great experience for students.

"This event not only helps Northwest advance as an institution but provided an excellent opportunity for our students," said Vansaghi.



PHOTO BY ALLY ZAROOR/MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Representative Jason Brown gets acquainted with junior public relations major Ashley Ahlin and administrative member Jim Hunt and discusses the importance of supporting Northwest. Over 100 participants went to lobby for Northwest on Tuesday at the Capitol.



PHOTO BY JENNY LEWIS/MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER
The performers for Saturday night's 23rd annual ISO dinner teach Louisa Msechu the fine art of taekwon do. Louisa took home first prize in the taekwon do contest.

Organization provides a night of many cultures

By PETE GUTSCHENRITTER
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

The minute a person walked into the Conference Center Saturday night for the Taste of Cultures dinner, a tapestry of aromas from countries around the world filled the air.

Salads, main course dishes and desserts from 26 different countries, including France, Ecuador, Canada and Afghanistan to name a few, made their way to the 23rd annual event, sponsored by the International Student Organization.

After the dinner, ISO students performed different dances and demonstrations, including taekwon do, the polka and the salsa. The evening concluded with a fashion show that displayed popular dress and attire from various cultures.

ISO sponsor Nancy Hardee said the event was successful.

"I've only heard good things from people that attended," Hardee said. "It was great food and really fun entertainment. The (ISO) students are fun to work with."

More than 50 people cooked the 79 dishes that were available at the dinner. Northwest faculty, people from the community and ISO students prepared the meals.

Michael Hobbs, associate professor of English, cooked the Indian dish Chana Masaledar.

Hobbs said the event opened the eyes of people unaware of the different cultures represented at Northwest.

"I think it gives everybody a chance that is in Maryville or part of the campus community to celebrate the diversity on campus," he said.

Student Dan Jackson said he had fun.

"I enjoyed the different specialties each country provided," Jackson said. "I also liked the fashion show."

people understand the different cultures.

"The best way to say it is it's about time," Jackson said.

Vlad Poziden, ISO vice president, said the event ran smoothly.

"I think people enjoyed (the event)," Poziden said. "We asked the president's office for some money for the flowers we handed out, and they granted us the money on Tuesday, so we were excited about that."

Overall, Hardee said the event is worth the time and preparation.

"It's a huge amount of work, but it's rewarding to see people have fun," Hardee said.

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Local woman shaves head for juvenile diabetes cause

Eulia Mares shaved her head after Hy-Vee reached their goal of \$11,000.

By MIKAELA KOILE
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

A cheerful, welcoming face underneath a shaved head blushed with excitement as she spoke of her sacrifice for juvenile diabetes.

True to her word, Eulia Mares, Hy-Vee employee, shaved her head along with five others after reaching the Hy-Vee fund-raising goal of \$10,000 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Originally, the goal for the Maryville Hy-Vee was to raise \$10,000 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Wanting to raise the stakes and the money, Greg Chapman, store director, offered to shave his head if the goal was met.

Mares said that if \$11,000 could be raised, she would also shave her head. Mares figured that her baldness is a small price to pay for the cause.

"My hair will grow back, but the people who live with diabetes will continue to live day in and day out with diabetes until a cure is found," said Mares.

The response from Hy-Vee customers has been overwhelming for Mares. "Some people have come up to me wanting to hug me or shake my hand," said Mares. "One man even called me beautiful."

The head shaving wrapped up a two-month-long fund-raiser for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Since Jan. 1, Hy-Vee has hosted spaghetti dinners, sold paper shoes and a 24-hour piano-playing marathon to help reach the store goal of \$10,000.

Mares believed the key element for the success of the fund-raiser was care and concern for the cause.

"For any fund-raiser to beat its own goal is simply amazing," she said. "To exceed it is really and truly a testament to our community."

Mares appreciated the awareness the fund-raisers have brought about because her husband Fred is living with the disease.

Also a Hy-Vee employee, Fred said he is very proud of his wife.

"It is wonderful how she was so supportive not only through her head shaving, but she was also there to help me through the 24-hour piano playing I did to raise money for the foundation."

Fred said his wife was there to assist him with taking his blood sugar levels and giving him insulin.



PHOTO BY ABBY SIMONS/MANAGING EDITOR
Hy-Vee service desk manager Eulia Mares keeps true to her promise as O-Hair Salon employees Merv Hayes, left, and Toni Schafer, right, shave her head. Mares and other employees pledged to shave their heads if the store raised more than \$10,000 for juvenile diabetes.

Planning for next year's Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation fund-raiser is already under way, but it will be hard to top this year and the impression it has left on Eulia.

"I have never been so touched by anything such as this overwhelming response to our cause," said Eulia. "It has become a living and breathing thing to many people in this community."

Citizens meet, discuss law to ban smoking

By STEPHANIE SUCKOW
COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

Matching neon orange shirts caught the attention of city council members Monday as Citizens for a Smoke-Free Maryville came together in support for an ordinance banning smoking in all local restaurants.

The proposed ordinance was immediately met with opposition as two local restaurant owners disagreed with the possibility of making it illegal to smoke in restaurants.

"The owner should have a voluntary reason to let their patrons smoke if they want to," said Del Simmons, co-owner of Simmons Village Restaurant Deli. "I've been an owner for 22 years, and I'd hate to lose the ones who do smoke because of the ordinance."

Murphy's restaurant owner Brett White feels the ordinance is unnecessary because he provides a warning at the entrance allowing customers to know it is a smoking establishment.

"People know the risk before they enter," White said. "Let them make their own decisions. There's no need for an ordinance."

Citizens supporting the ordinance said they understood it may affect business, but the overall health risks that would be eliminated would outweigh any business they would lose.

"I have asthma and respiratory prob-

lems, and the smoke really bothers me," Maryville resident Shelly Robertson said. "People just aren't aware of the health problems."

Robertson explained that other ordinances are already in effect to keep patrons safe including as rules regarding hand washing and keeping food clean, and so a non-smoking ordinance wouldn't be any different.

"We don't always have a choice when it comes to health," Robertson said.

Two Maryville high school students joined in providing an opinion from a younger point of view.

"I work at A&G, and the cloud of smoke is so bad sometimes that you have to go outside to even breathe," said Wes Wooten, Maryville High School junior.

Residents in support of the ordinance tried to prove that businesses who do accept the new rules will benefit.

"Some people won't go into businesses because they are too smoky," Maryville resident Chad Jackson said. "Business owners should look at the possibility of having more business with not allowing it."

Currently, Pagliai's Pizza, Pizza Hut and Hardee's have already adopted the no smoking policy.

A decision is now underway to determine whether or not the proposal should be put into ordinance form, a process that could take a couple of months.

Chamber director position to be filled at end of March

By MARK EUSTON
CHIEF REPORTER

The Greater Maryville Chamber of Commerce is no longer leaderless now that Lisa Luke has been elected Chamber director.

"She is familiar with the overall goals and focuses the Chamber has," Chamber president Mark Gregg said. "She knows everyone in town which will help put her foot in the door when it comes to communicating with community members on what they want to see the

Chamber doing for them."

Luke has become familiar with community members by working at St. Francis Hospital for 13 years. For the past five years, she has worked as community relations coordinator.

"Through St. Francis Hospital, I have been active in the Chamber for the past five years, and I have enjoyed doing so," Luke said.

Luke has lived her whole life in the town and believes that her knowledge of the area will help her as the new director.

"I believe that Maryville and

Nodaway County are a great place to live and to work," Luke said. "And I feel that, being from Nodaway County for all my life, I have a good knowledge of what this area has to offer for those who live or do business here."

Gregg said he agrees that the knowledge Luke has will benefit the Chamber.

"We wanted to hire someone local because they would be obviously more familiar with what we're all about," Gregg said. "In previous years, people who weren't local were hired for the position. This time,

we saw it as a priority."

More than 30 people applied for the director position when it opened in December. Luke said she was happy when the Chamber chose her as the new director.

"I know the board had a tough decision to make, and I am delighted that they felt that I was the right person for the job," Luke said.

Gregg said he believes Luke will keep the Chamber more organized and will improve the value of membership, encouraging more citizens to join.

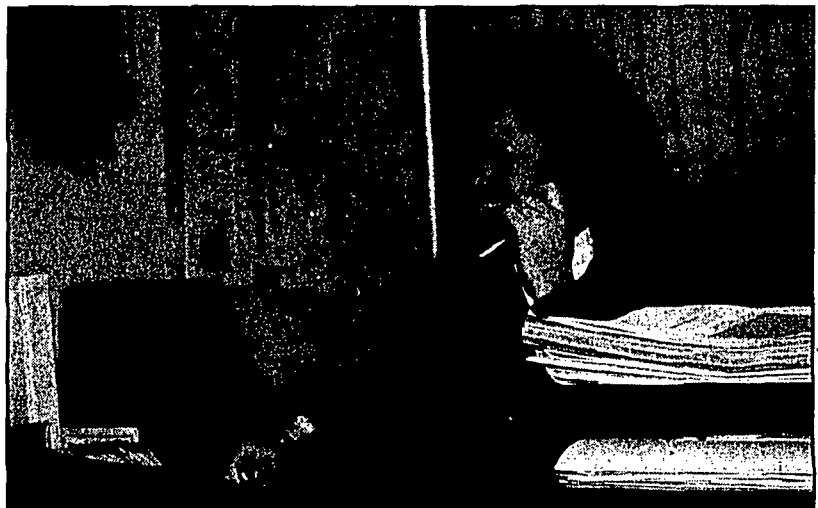


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Lisa Luke concludes her position as community relations coordinator for St. Francis Hospital. She will assume the role of director for the Chamber of Commerce on Mar. 24.

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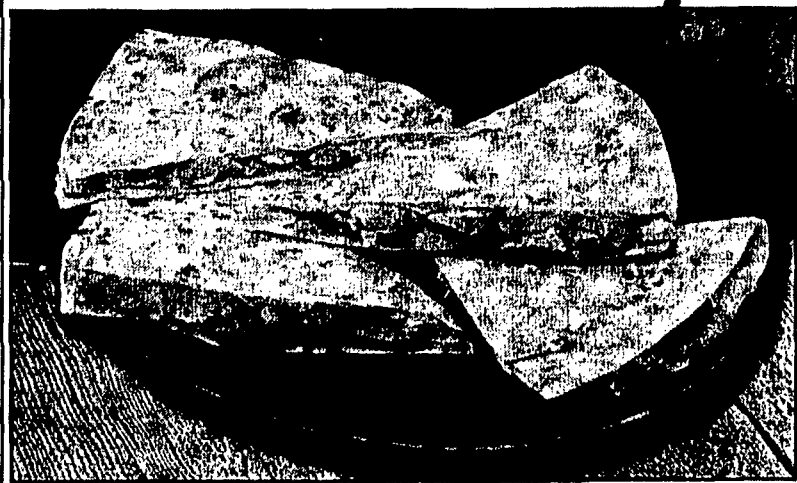
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Our View

Overstepping their boundaries

Government's revisions to USA PATRIOT Act destroy civil liberties of Americans

As our nation braces for another war, the United States is seeking security from threats of terrorism.

After terrorists attacked our country on Sept. 11, the Bush administration felt the need to pass the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act in order to protect our freedoms. Since Oct. 26, 2001, the law has given new powers to both domestic law enforcement and international intelligence agencies.

Now, the Bush administration feels the need to draft 86 pages of legislation for the second USA PATRIOT Act. The second act not only tightens the objectives of the first version, but it also cuts deeper into the hearts of American civil liberties.

Under the second draft's specifications, the government would be allowed to wire tap a person for 15 days without a judge's approval. Government officials would be able to demand personal information such as credit records without judicial oversight, and they could keep arrests secret until criminal charges are brought forward, no matter how long that takes.

Also, officials could strip Americans of their citizenship if they unintentionally help a group the U.S. Justice Department determines to be terrorist-related.

How can Congress pass a law that gives more power to government and law enforcement officials as well as international intelligence agencies to protect and secure our country when, in reality, the law will take away American freedoms?

The current act eliminates the checks and balances which previously gave courts the opportunity to ensure that these powers were not abused. But stamping out perceived acts of terrorism is more important than securing the liberties for which America stands.

So, the USA PATRIOT Act allows law enforcement and intelligence agencies the right to expand surveillance acts and increase information sharing between the two under the guise of investigating.

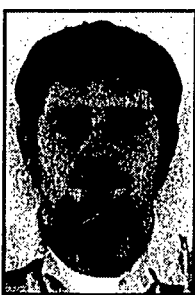
What was wrong with the current powers, which allowed officials to spy on U.S. citizens when investigating and prosecuting acts of terrorism? Will the second USA PATRIOT Act be better than the first in securing our nation from terrorism, even war?

We can only hope that the U.S. government considers every part of the legislation and thoroughly researches all parts of the second USA PATRIOT Act before passing it into law. We at *The Missourian* do not want our freedoms taken away to give more power to government and law enforcement officials to spy on innocent Americans.

The government must not overstep its boundaries. It must instead find reasonable ways to secure our great nation from terrorism.



The Fire this Time



JED MURR
MISSOURIAN COLUMNIST

Celebrities also possess right to spread views

Last week's "Our View" condemning celebrities for speaking out against the war was, quite plainly, ridiculous. It was undoubtedly an easy column to write, since the rapid views it expressed have been spewing out of internet chat rooms and national publications for weeks.

As many celebrities have joined millions of everyday citizens by signing statements or demonstrating against the war on Iraq, a Soviet-style fury toward the dissenting stars has steadily grown.

Much of the outpouring began when Sean Penn visited Iraq. While there, he met with UNICEF workers, Iraqi officials, schoolchildren and hospital patients. Im-

mediately, war commissars like FOX and the *New York Post* derided Penn as Saddam's dupe ("Baghdad Sean") and argued that actors should keep quiet on political matters—never mind that Penn denounces Hussein just as readily as he denounces making war on the Iraqi people.

Now, Martin Sheen, a proponent of peaceful disarmament in Iraq, is at risk of losing his job for daring exercise his rights as a citizen; Penn claims he's been denied a film role because of his views; and "Citizens Against Celebrity Pundits" is mounting a McCarthy-esque campaign against antiwar celebrities.

Of course, the central problem of all the tired, recycled diatribes is utter hypocrisy: none of the angry columnists, pundits, and citizens shouting for celebrities to shut up and get back in line have any problem with stars making political statements—as long as they're the right political statements.

For months after September 11, celebrities of all stripes made political statements about freedom, patriotism and the fight against terrorism. And lately, stars like Darryl Worley and Brian McKnight have made overt political statements in favor of the war. But as they aren't saying anything that goes against government policy, everything's fine.

The reactions—and the public opinion polls that back them up—have betrayed a deeply undemocratic view of freedom of speech.

Many of us have become so convinced that we have to follow the line of our leaders that anyone who steps out of it is often scorned as un-American. Of course, the Bush Administration has been spouting that infantile "with us or against us" view of the world for a long time.

But last week's "Our View" writer goes to other undemocratic lengths by suggesting that "those watching their loved ones leave are the people who have the right to an opinion."

While that is somewhat appealing (since the president and his cadre of ineffectual hawks certainly don't have sons and daughters

on the front lines), it's grossly undemocratic. The central tenant of democracy is that all citizens have the right to voice their opinions and have control over their government, so I think it's fair to say that you and I and, yes, even celebrities, have the same right to participate in public discourse that everyone else does.

The "Our View" writer is mainly upset because celebrities use their money to help them voice their opinions, but doesn't mention that nearly all the information the average American receives comes from a handful of the richest corporations in the world, who can only wield such influence because of their exorbitant wealth.

Furthermore, policy in Washington is dictated, to a large extent, by the interests of those same kinds of corporations, who fund political campaigns, set policy agendas, and often directly make up our leadership—as is the case with virtually the entire Bush Administration.

So, to suggest that somehow celebrities shouldn't use their wealth to help them voice their opinions is a joke.

Americans should certainly be intelligent enough to look beyond Hollywood and the inanities of the big news networks to develop, as the "Our View" writer puts it, "educated opinions," but to denigrate other citizens for voicing their opinions simply because they don't agree with you or our leaders reeks of the most frightening brand of nationalism, especially at a time when the fate of millions of people is quite literally in our hands.

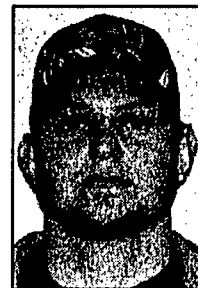
And sometimes, albeit rarely, celebrities actually make sense, as Penn did in Baghdad: "I believe in the Constitution of the United States, and the American people."

Ours is a government designed to function of, by, and for the people I feel, both as an American and as a human being, the obligation to accept personal responsibility for the policies of my government. Simply put, if there is a war or continued sanctions against Iraq, the blood of Americans and Iraqis will be on our hands.

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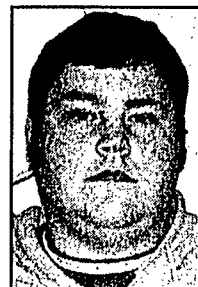
Your View

Do you think Missouri Western and Southern should be allowed to change their names?



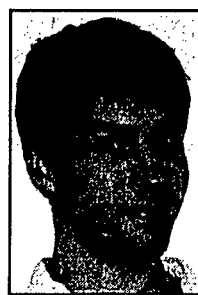
"No, we need all the money we can get. I don't really know anything about it though."

Brian Lomas
WILDLIFE ECOLOGY



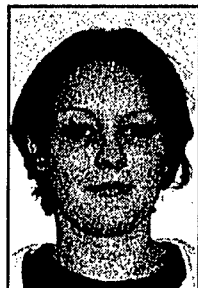
"Why not if they've earned it?"

Joey Stokes
BROADCASTING



"No, no, our school isn't too super as it is right now. It needs the cash. Don't take what I say too seriously because I'm stupid."

Ryan Kuecher
SECONDARY EDUCATION ENGLISH



"I'd say no because it takes away from financial aid here, and a lot of students need it. Besides, I was here first."

Anna Clifton
PSYCHOLOGY/ SOCIOLOGY



"I don't know. I absolutely can't stand them. I don't even think that they should be colleges. I think that they tried to shut us down sometime during the 70s."

Jon Vaccaro
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Have something to say?

Dial 562-1980



"For the love of God, please tell the designers to stop using the 'Sand' font."

"For the final time, Phi Delta Theta is not that new Christian fraternity."

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Letter to the Editor

Student questions motives of letter written in defense of Student Senate

A disclaimer has been added to the Backtalk section. Great. Yet another statement of the obvious so the body accused can protect itself from nonsensical rants like the letter to the editor in the Feb. 27 edition of *The Northwest Missourian*.

Obviously, the student writing the letter doesn't understand that Backtalk is meant to be a means through which students can express opinions. Without the right to express oneself, regardless of how harsh it may be, America would not exist. To demand the editor of a newspaper to censor opinions is ludicrous and absurd.

The opinion in question is that the president of Student Senate seeks to appease her advisers. The opinion given in the letter last week proves that attempts to appease run rampant in Student Senate. Was this letter not

an attempt to appease the president?

It is also not *The Missourian's* responsibility to promote or encourage student involvement on campus. Don't blame your shortcomings on the media. Do you honestly think replacing Backtalk with another small box on the editorial page is going to increase student involvement?

Also, the thought of a credible news outlet conducting a focus group to determine what it prints is the most laughable thing I've ever heard. That theory might work in the public relations arena, but not here.

Finally, *The Missourian* needs to hold to its 250-word requirement for all letters to the editor. It looks like *The Missourian* is just as guilty of appeasement as Student Senate is.

BRANDON SMITH
INTERACTIVE DIGITAL MEDIA

My View

Editor advocates Northwest Lobby Day



SARAH SWEDBERG
CHIEF REPORTER

Congratulations to Student Senate for its hard work in organizing Legislative Reception Day for Northwest students, staff, faculty, alumni and administrators.

I believe the 3 a.m. wake-up calls and four-hour bus rides were well worth the day of lobbying to educate senators and representatives of Northwest's location in Maryville as well as Northwest's commitment to quality.

I believe students experienced first

hand the amount of work Missouri's representatives and senators put into representing their constituents.

Right now, as budget cuts are planned for higher education, Northwest took the initiative to be involved in Jefferson City.

Since Northwest took a \$4.5 million cut in last year's operating budget, Northwest staff, faculty, alumni and administrators as well as Student Senate felt a need for students to be engaged in the higher education issues being discussed in the capital.

According to the Coordinating Board for Higher Education, its study's found that Northwest was under-funded compared with other Missouri institutions. Because of this, Northwest needed to ensure it receives the same appropriation, \$28.9 million, for fiscal year 2004. These facts made lobbying efforts important and well worth the time.

What impressed me the most

was the willingness and helpfulness of Rep. Brad Lager as well as Missouri representatives who are alumni actively supported Northwest's lobbying efforts Tuesday.

I also believe the pairings of students with faculty, staff, administrators and AdvoCats (alumni) helped with the students' lobbying experience.

Students were more comfortable and confident talking to senators and representatives when they were together with faculty, staff, administrators or alumni.

Lastly, the wonderful tasting food and live entertainment received rave reviews as senators and representatives and their staff were invited to eat, get their picture taken with Bobby the Bearcat and meet Northwest students and those that attended Legislative Reception Day.

Overall, I must admit the day was a success to those who actively engaged in the day's events and made an effort to talk with busy senators and representatives.

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Scholarships impacted by negative gains

By MARK EUSTON
CHIEF REPORTER

The economic downfall over the last three years has impacted Northwest Foundation scholarships, putting their ability to award the amount they had in the past in jeopardy.

The scholarships are funded by several earned from investments paid for by interest donors.

"(The potential loss of scholarship money) is a direct reflection of how things have gone in the last couple years in the economy," said Greg Reichert, director of development for the Campaign for Northwest.

Around 250 scholarship funds, which provide money for 400-500 scholarships, made negative gains on their investments the past two years.

"There are about 500 scholarships that are being impacted by what is going on in the market right now," Reichert said.

Not all scholarships will be affected by the current economy. Only the scholarships funded by the Foundation are affected.

"There is a fine line between the University-

funded scholarships, such as the Regents scholarship, and those that the Foundation has," Reichert said.

Though they have lost money, the Foundation is still trying to give the amount they have awarded in the past.

"Our hope is that, though the scholarships may not go up, we can at least keep them where they are at," Reichert said. "And our hope is that the impact will be minimal. But there is a lot of work that we need to do between now and the end of June to make sure that we can make that happen."

The Foundation pays for the scholarships by investing money from donors, and using the interest to give scholarships. One way the Foundation is hoping to maintain the value of the scholarships is by withdrawing money from the original amount they were given.

"We are hoping that, in the short run, (the donors) will allow us to get to (the original money donated), explaining to them that our long-term investment policies will hopefully pay that back and allow the fund to grow," Reichert said. "We are hoping that (the donors) will understand that the market has taken a dip, but we are looking long term with the investments,

such as 20 to 30 years. We are not looking in the one- to three-year range."

The fact that the Foundation cannot notify the coordinators of each scholarship of how much money they will have has become a problem. As a result, they cannot notify the students.

"The problem we are facing is just that the process has been extremely delayed this year," said Laurie Long, donor relations coordinator.

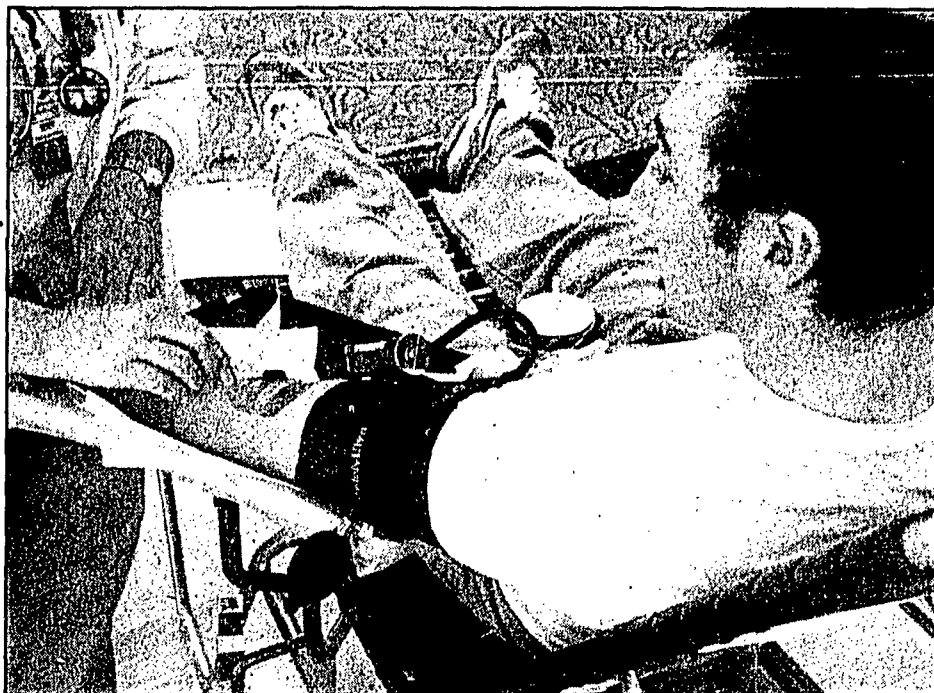
Despite the problems with the economy, the Foundation hopes to continue its goal of helping students pay for college.

"Our goal, especially as tuition continues to go up, is to still be able to have these tools out there for kids to help them offset the cost of tuition," Reichert said.

Jody Strauch, mass communications department scholarship chairperson, said that if other universities are experiencing similar problems, then Northwest shouldn't have any problem. However, if they are not experiencing the same problems, it could hurt Northwest.

"I think it could reflect poorly on us if this continues, but I think people understand how bad things are (in the economy) right now," Strauch said.

Ready arms give blood



Ben Fiedler gets swabbed with iodine just before a Red Cross volunteer draws his blood. The blood drive was sponsored by Student Senate and was held Monday and Tuesday in the Student Union Ballroom.

Beattie from 1A

Toddler's death results in prison term

he has lost, and what he will continue to have is a very sad thing," Stephens said. "That Dayun Boatwright is dead is a very sad thing as well...We believe the punishment in this case is not for an action that was premeditated, intentional wrongdoing. It was more of an ill-advised action."

In a statement to the court, Beattie voiced his regret for his actions.

"I'd just like to say I'm truly sorry for what I've done," Beattie said. "I've regretted it from the night it happened, I've lived with it every day since it happened, and I will live with it until the day I die. I'm sorry."

David Baird, Nodaway County prosecutor, said the testimony on Beattie's behalf did not take away from the fact that a child had died from Beattie's actions.

"We can talk about history all we want, but this child is dead simply because of the actions of the defendant," Baird said. "He made choices deciding how he was going to treat those children, and one night it went far enough that it took the life of Dayun Boatwright."

While imposing the sentence, Prokes reminded Beattie that he was not forced to be in the position of caretaker for Clark's children.

"There's no question you got in over your head when you became a caregiver of these kids," Prokes

said. "There's a world of difference between playing with kids and being put in the position of their caregiver."

Prokes cited bruising throughout Boatwright's forehead, chin and chest as a sign that the abuse had been ongoing as opposed to a one-time incident.

"The bottom line is that this child had substantial bruising. Not all of this occurred at once," Prokes said.

"I don't think your learning is so debilitated that you couldn't correlate the bruising with the injuring of this child," Prokes said that, with the sentence, hopefully Beattie would utilize the time spent in prison to reflect on his actions and determine his future.

"Quite honestly, the burden's on you to see what you can do with the rest of your life," he said. Cindy Boatwright, Dayun's paternal grandmother, expressed relief that the ordeal is over, and that justice has been sought for her grandson, who she believes did not die in vain.

"I didn't want (Beattie's) life ruined, but I did want him to serve some time to think about the choices he made and the life he took away," she said. "For us, Dayun didn't die for nothing. Two child abusers will be behind bars, and a lot of other children will be safe because of it."

Coolio from 1A

Coolio concert draws small crowd

performers as the reason for low attendance as well as their dissatisfaction.

"I wish they would've brought some people that aren't old or out," said junior psychology major Mikayla Chambers. "I've been to other concerts, and this facility doesn't do justice for an actual concert."

Junior finance major Peter Sjolín agreed, saying that while he was grateful for campus entertainment, more popular entertainers would have resulted in higher attendance.

"I was thrilled that they brought someone out here so we could have a little different thing here at Northwest, but as far as the concert went, there could have been more done to it," Sjolín said. "There weren't a lot of people here, so obviously they could have brought some newer people for us to enjoy more."

Spotlight president David Whitacre said that, while low turnout was somewhat of a letdown, the event itself was not.

"I was hoping (turnout) would have been a little higher than what it was," Whitacre said. "I was kind of disappointed that some of the students didn't get out and experience it. I thought it was a great show, but it's too bad more people didn't see it."

Despite mixed opinions and a smaller crowd, Coolio, who now spends much of his time touring colleges, high schools and United Service Organization shows as well as arenas, said the warm reception from Northwest beats that of any sold-out crowd.

"It doesn't bother me how many people are there," Coolio said in a

post-show interview. "It can be two or 2,000 as long as they're yelling."

While touring, the Los Angeles native said he continues to put his all into each and every show, as well as his pride, another factor he feels is absent in rap today.

"In the end, when you're too old to have fun with your money, all you got left is your integrity," he said. "Because I kept the integrity in my music for so long and I did it so well, it hurt my record sales a whole lot, because I never conformed to the new ways that people do things while rapping."

Coolio specifically referenced his recent albums "My Soul" and last year's "El Cool Magnifico," which, despite rave reviews from critics, flopped in sales. Despite the response, which he said hurt him, Coolio said he'd always continue to rap, simply because it's what he loves.

"It didn't bother me, because I don't rap for money. I'd rap for free. I rap because I like to rap," Coolio said. "Rap pays, so I'm tryin' to get my cheese out of it, but if rap didn't pay, I'd do it and have a job. I'm not really a rapper. I'm just a man that raps."

For now, the man that raps plans to spend his time touring as well as working as part of the "Replacements," a new kind of rap group he describes as a "West Coast Wu-Tang without all the wack sh*t." In the meantime, he also plans to try his hand at directing and producing in an entirely new medium, the world of film.

"I aspire to be the black Quentin Tarantino," he said.

Ephedra from 1A

Athletic teams ban use of Ephedrine

banned, we don't know enough about them."

David Colt, head trainer for the football and men's basketball teams, said there is nothing positive about taking substances of any kind.

"From a trainer's standpoint, we try to push athletes away from (substances)," Colt said.

The drug ephedrine is a substance that acts similar to ecstasy, also known as speed, Colt said.

"There are a lot of negative side effects, and there aren't any benefits," he said. "(Ephedrine) increases your blood pressure. It is already banned at the college level, and I think drugs like that should be banned entirely without a doctor (prescription)."

Fifty deaths and 800 injuries have been reported, according to the "Ephedra Dangers" Web site.

Leslie Hawk, food service and registered dietician at St. Francis Hospital, said there is no rhyme or reason to why athletes take supplements.

"I think they (take supplements) because everyone else is doing it," Hawk said. "It can be harmful to athletes. It

really is scary."

Creatine is one supplement that is common in locker rooms and in weight rooms. The results can be positive to a certain extent, Hawk said.

"Creatine has shown to be beneficial, but it's minor," Hawk said. "Side effects for supplements outweigh the benefits." At Looks Fitness Center and Tanning, several different supplements are on display, including creatine. Looks manager Cress Wehrle, said creatine needs to be used properly.

"If you follow the directions, then it's safe," Wehrle said. "You also have to take in a lot of water because (Creatine) puts a lot of pressure on your kidney."

Supplements such as Xenadrine can cause a lot of problems if not taken properly, Wehrle said. Xenadrine contains Androstenedione, a substance that is banned by the NCAA. Xenadrine now has a bottle that is ephedrine free.

"There are other alternatives," Wehrle said. "If you want to do something more safe, eating a protein diet will help you. There are some bad things out there, and I don't recommend that."

Marshal from 1A

University names new grand marshal

Senate also chose David Slater, professor of English, as a new faculty marshal.

Fulton will be in charge of taking care of the marshals as well as leading graduation procession.

Fulton's 30 years of experience as a faculty marshal will help him with his

responsibilities as grand marshal.

Although Ching will be missed for his services for the past three years, Fulton said he is looking forward to the experience.

"I feel sad that the position was opened," Fulton said. "But I feel privileged to take his place."

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The New Direction

Oscar turns 75

By MONICA CALDWELL
FEATURES EDITOR

Roll out the red carpet, dim the lights, and break the gold envelope seal. Sunday, March 23, is a landmark in the movie industry — the 75th annual Academy Awards.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences presentation has evolved leaps and bounds from its original ceremony that took the form of a banquet in 1929. Then, tickets were \$10, and a mere 270 people were in attendance.

In 2002, however, fans wanting a bleacher seat lining the red carpet into the Kodak Theatre had to submit an application for the first time. Out of the over 4,000 submissions, only 400 were chosen. Tickets are not available to the public for indoor seating.

The red carpet arrival of celebrities has become an event in itself over the past few years. Since 1998, Academy spokespeople interview nominees before the ceremony with a

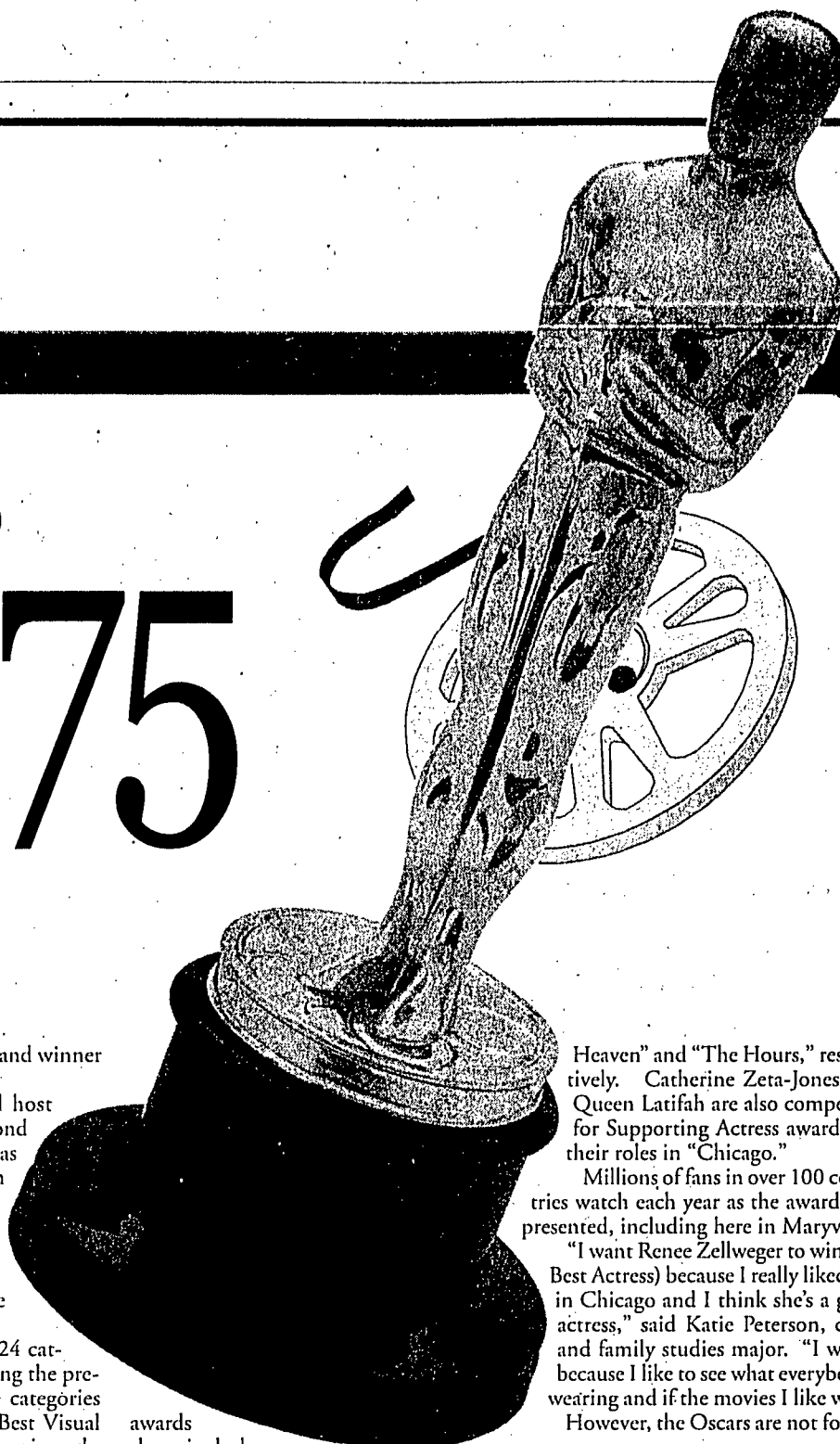
prominent focus on fashion and winner predictions.

Actor Steve Martin will host this year's Oscars for the second time. His first appearance as master of ceremonies was in 2001.

"I'm very pleased to be hosting the Oscars again because fear and nausea always makes me lose weight," he said.

Awards are presented in 24 categories to films released during the previous calendar year. Those categories range from Best Picture to Best Visual Effects with up to five nominees in each. Only three films have won Oscars in the Best Picture, Actor, Actress, Directing and Writing categories: "It Happened One Night" (1934), "One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest" (1975) and "Silence of the Lambs" (1991).

Films nominated for this year's



Heaven" and "The Hours," respectively. Catherine Zeta-Jones and Queen Latifah are also competing for Supporting Actress awards for their roles in "Chicago."

Millions of fans in over 100 countries watch each year as the awards are presented, including here in Maryville.

"I want Renee Zellweger to win (for Best Actress) because I really liked her in Chicago and I think she's a great actress," said Katie Peterson, child and family studies major. "I watch because I like to see what everybody's wearing and if the movies I like win."

However, the Oscars are not for everyone.

"I'm not going to watch the Oscars because I really just don't care," said Shane McAssey, art major. "The only reason I would watch is for Steve Martin."

The awards ceremony will begin at 7 p.m. on ABC, preceded by the half-hour preshow of arrivals.

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AND JULIAN KUSSMAN/ONLINE EDITOR IN CHIEF

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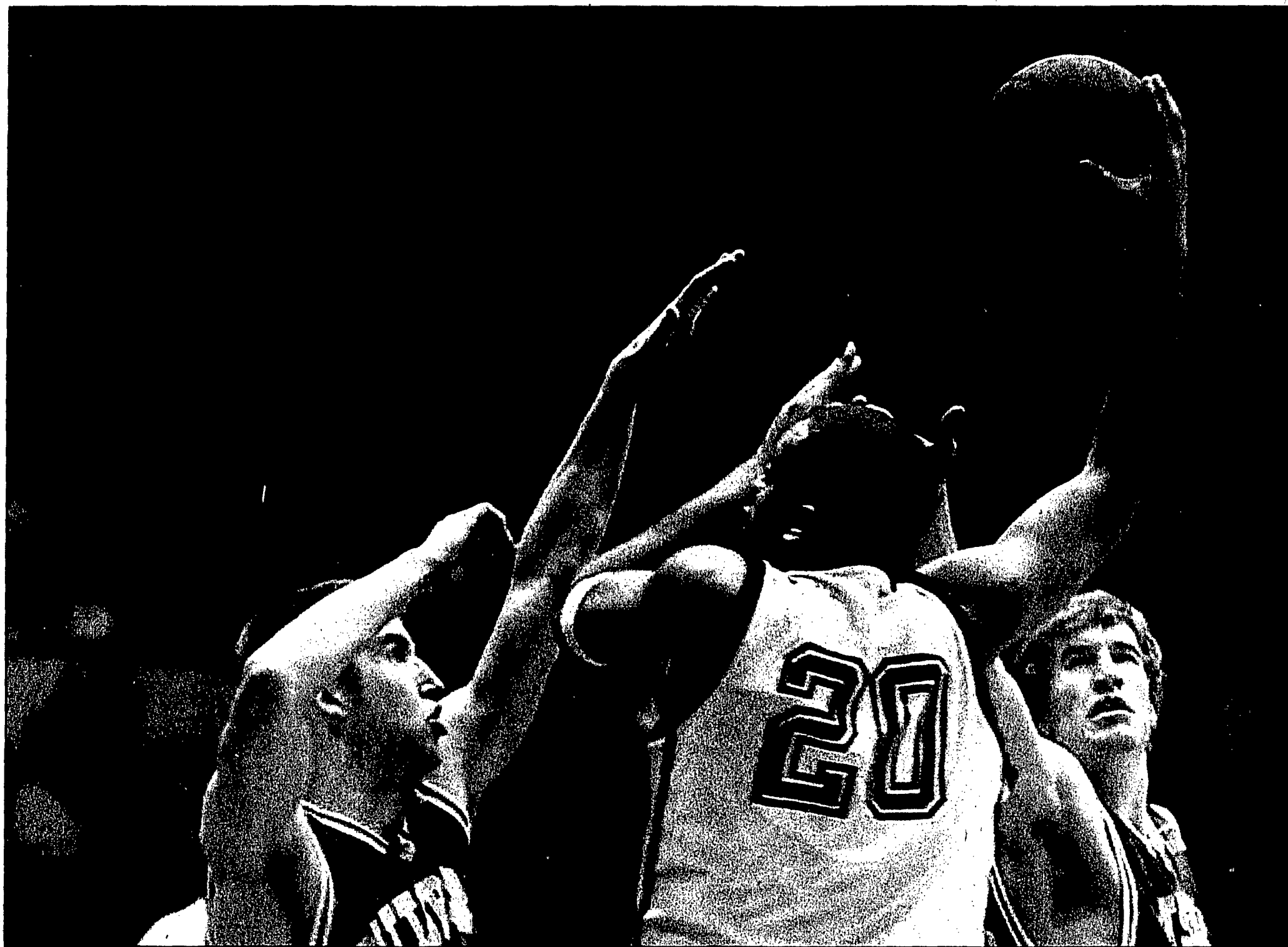
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Senior guard Jelani Walker shoots a hook shot over two Pittsburg State University defenders during the Bearcats' 95-73 win over the Gorillas in the first round of the MIAA Tournament in Kansas City. Walker scored 17 points

in the game. Walker and the Bearcats will begin their quest to the Elite Eight at 6 p.m. Friday in Tampa, Fla., Friday against Missouri Western State College. The Griffons have defeated the Bearcats two times in as many weeks.

Sophomore finds role coming off Northwest bench

Bearcats benefit from play of guard Jesse Shaw

By COLE YOUNG
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

When Bearcat fans think of crucial players for Northwest, players like Scott Fleming and Kelvin Parker come to mind.

One player has come off the bench, however, and provided an unexpected spark for the Bearcats throughout the regular season.

Sophomore Jesse Shaw has come off the bench to lead Northwest in rebounds as well as to play a crucial role on defense.

"I try to come in and play good defense as well as hit the boards," Shaw said.

Shaw started the season as a role player, but in the early portion of the conference season, his shot began to fail him. But Shaw wasn't shaken, however, and picked up on the rebounds where his shooting left off.

After a one for six shooting performance against Washburn, Shaw cleaned the glass with 10 and 12 rebounds in consecutive games.

"It affected my confidence," Shaw said. "I was worrying about my shot when I shouldn't have. I made a conscious effort to rebound, and things started coming into place."

With Shaw's abilities both on the boards and on defense, it seems natural that he would have progressed into a starting role.

"I like the idea of him coming off the bench," head coach Steve Tappmeyer said. "He is one of our five best players, but I like the idea of him coming in and being able to plug him in wherever we need him."

While the play of Shaw has been a surprise to most fans, there is one person who is not surprised by his performance.

"I thought he would have a good year," Tappmeyer said. "I know he is a winner and a competitor, but he's really done a good job from a rebounding standpoint. He is getting his confidence back a little bit now on the outside shot, so he has a pretty nice little package."



Jesse Shaw

Leads the team in rebounds

TEXAS BOUND

Bearcats get ready to face old foe Friday in Stephenville

By CLARK GRELL
SPORTS EDITOR
&
COLE YOUNG
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Forty miles separate Northwest from Missouri Western State College.

However, both teams will travel 700 miles Friday to battle each other

for a fourth time this season.

This time, it is the first round of the South Central Regional Tournament in Stephenville, Texas. And this time, the loser is done for the season.

Friday's game between the two conference rivals will mark the third time in as many weeks the two teams have met.

"It's a lot to play a team three times in that short period of time," head coach Steve Tappmeyer said. "Especially when (Western) is a quality team. They have so many athletes and so many different ways they can beat you."

Western has taken the last two against the Bearcats by an average of

10.5 points despite their 89-74 loss to the 'Cats on Dec. 31 in Maryville.

"We're a little tired, tired of playing each other," Western head coach Tom Smith said. "I feel like the Harlem Globetrotters and the Washington Generals. We played in Maryville, then St. Joe, and then Kansas City and now Stephenville, Texas."

The two teams go to Stephenville on different roads.

Northwest is coming off an MIAA tournament semifinal loss to the Griffons in Kansas City.

Missouri Western might be going into the tournament with a lot of momentum coming off an MIAA

tournament championship. The Griffons defeated Washburn University 75-65 in the conference finals Sunday.

But one thing favors the Bearcats — after winning last year's South Central Regional tournament in Tahlequah, Okla., the Bearcats know what it takes to win it again.

"I think confidence is a factor," Tappmeyer said. "I think our team believes they can win, and they know they'll have to play one of their better games of the year to win."

Playing Western again is an advantage for the Bearcats, senior Joel Yeldell said.

"We will definitely be prepared for

them," he said. "We're happy to be playing them and happy to be playing a team we know a lot about."

As far as the series goes, the momentum is on the Griffons' side. They have outplayed the Bearcats for two consecutive games. The last time the Bearcats lost two games to Western in one season was the 1998-1999 season. It was the last season the Bearcats did not make the regional tournament.

However, after two losses to the Griffons, Tappmeyer finds no reason to change the game plan.

"We may change a few things," he said. "But it's that time of the year where (Please see 'Regionals' on page 3B)

'Cats' comeback falls short in KC

Washburn finds way to hold on to win in MIAA tourney semifinal action

By COLE YOUNG
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Northwest women's basketball team did something they haven't done for 13 years. Last Thursday, they won a first round game in the MIAA tournament.

The Bearcats ended their run for conference crown as well as their season with a 57-52 loss to the No. 1 seed in the tournament, Washburn.

In the tournament, the Bearcats saw two players come off the bench and have good showings.

Sophomore forward Ashley Poptanycz had a memorable day against Washburn pulling

in a career-high 11 rebounds. She also had six points.

Junior Brooke Hogue also played well in the tournament, scoring 10 second-half points in the first-round game against Southwest Baptist. Against Washburn, Hogue had a season-high 16 points.

"These two girls didn't get much playing time at the beginning of the season," Steinmeyer said. "If they don't hang with me, then they don't get what's happening to them (Saturday)."

One thing that has to make Steinmeyer and the rest of the Bearcat faithful pleased is the fact that neither Hogue or Poptanycz are graduating. For that matter, no one on the team is graduating.

Coming back along with these two are all-MIAA picks juniors Jenna Wolfe and Sarah Vollertsen.

"We have a couple good re-

cruits coming in that are going to challenge these girls," Steinmeyer said, "but I think these girls will take on the challenge and do well."

With the loss, the 'Cats ended the season at 16-12, the best record in head coach Gene Steinmeyer's tenure.

In addition to being Steinmeyer's best season, it was the first winning season for Northwest since the 1997-98 season dating back to the Wayne Winstead era.

Steinmeyer looks back at this season as a crucial one for the program.

"I was at Doane for 15 years," Steinmeyer said. "The first three seasons were a lot like my first three seasons here. The fourth year there though, the girls bought into the program, and we started to turn the corner. I think that we did that here this year and turned the corner for the Northwest women's basketball program."



Freshman guard Laura Friederich gets clobbered by two Southwest defenders while grabbing a rebound. Friederich finished with 19 points in two days.

Cinderella run ends for 'Hounds' hoopsters

Season comes to halt in sectionals loss to Smithville, 53-34

By COLE YOUNG
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Maryville Spoofhounds ran into a roadblock on their way to the state title last night against Midland Empire Conference opponent Smithville in St. Joseph.

The road block was named Crystal Holbrook. Holbrook, a 6-foot-3-inch senior, scored 19 points in their 53-34 win over Maryville.

Holbrook began her night scoring 10 of her points in the first quarter. All 10 came amid an 11-3 run which put the War-

riors ahead 15-6.

"Last time the two of us played, she didn't have a very good game," head coach Randy Cook said. "She made sure that didn't happen again."

At the end of the first quarter, Maryville trailed 19-10.

Whatever Cook said between the halves must have worked because the 'Hounds held Holbrook scoreless the next two periods.

"He said we needed to settle down on offense and play tougher defense on her," junior Abby Walter said.

While the first quarter was filled with excitement on the court, the second quarter was filled with off-court excitement.

A Smithville Junior High student apparently didn't want to use the aisles to get to the (Please see 'Loss' on page 3B)

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Northwest football

Friday, officials from Northwest, Pittsburg State and the Kansas City Chiefs announced a return to Arrowhead for the football programs. For the lowdown, turn to page 2B.

Men's basketball

The Bearcats' attempt for consecutive conference titles fell short in the MIAA tournament. Turn to page 3B to find out who the Bearcats were able to defeat and why Western gave the team problems in the semifinals.

Northwest baseball

The Bearcats were back home Wednesday locking with UNO in a doubleheader. For a breakdown of the two games, turn to page 2B.

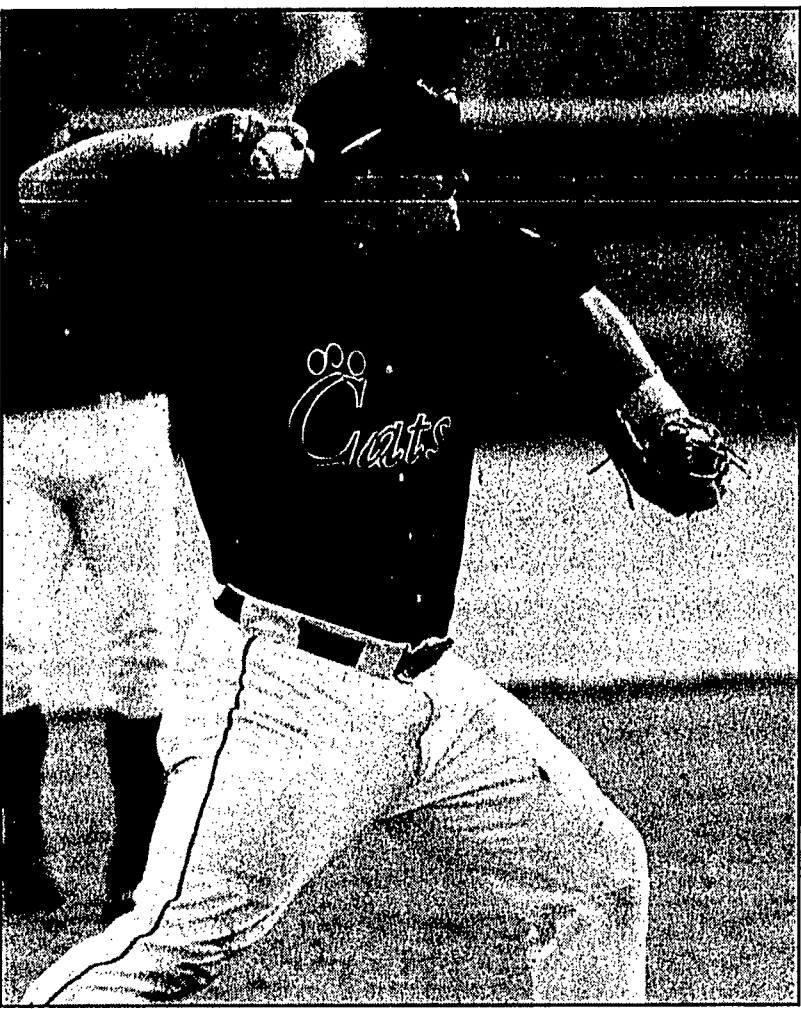


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Northwest senior third baseman John Sipes throws to first base after scooping up a routine ground ball. Sipes went zero for two in game one against the Mavericks but found his strut in game two, hitting two homeruns in the Bearcats' 9-7 win.

Bearcats split with Mavericks at home

By BRIAN JOHNSON
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

It was the same teams, same day, but different outcomes.

On Wednesday, Bearcats (7-4) split a doubleheader with the University of Nebraska-Omaha Mavericks.

The first game was a defensive struggle that saw not only the 'Cats being shutout but also only collecting no hits in the process, losing 2-0.

"We came out flat in the first game," head coach Darin Loe said. "They threw four pretty good pitchers at us and we just couldn't keep on track."

But the second game was as different as night and day from the first one.

It all started out with UNO outfielder Jake Wurth hitting a three-run homerun in the first inning. But the 'Cats answered when third baseman John Spies hit a two-run homerun.

"We don't want to be in that situation," Loe said. "But the best part about

that is we came back with two in the bottom of the first, and I felt pretty good about things. We have been doing real well this season in the first inning."

It looked like from then on it would be the 'Cats' day. In the bottom of the second, outfielder John Bothof hit a RBI single to score Kyle Gallagher to chip away at UNO's lead.

In the same inning, Michael French hit a single that scored Marcus West. After a wild pitch that scored Bothof, UNO's starting pitcher Nathan Holman was headed to the showers with only one and one-third innings work.

"His pitch count was up in the first few innings," Loe said. "Players were starting to get some good swings on him."

Even though it seemed like the 'Cats controlled the game, the score was still close thanks to an RBI double by UNO's Spencer Doyle, which made the score at the top of the fourth inning 7-5.

But that was the last time UNO would score in the game.

FAN PLAN							
	TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Northwest men's basketball			South Central Regionals Stephenville, Texas				
Northwest indoor track & field			Division II Indoor Nationals Boston				
Northwest baseball	Missouri-Crookston 1 p.m.		Underwood 1 p.m.		Fort Hays State 1 p.m.		Washburn 1 p.m.
Northwest softball			West Florida Tournament				
Northwest tennis		Winona State	Nebraska-Kearney	Nebraska State			
Maryville girls' basketball							

Home games

Tennis teams take weekend matches

By BILL KNUST
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Northwest men's and women's tennis teams made strides towards improving their regional rankings over the weekend.

The men's team won all three of their matches, all against regional opponents. A special win for the team came from a 5-0 drubbing of the University of Northern Colorado. The Bears knocked the 'Cats out of the NCAA Tournament last year in regionals.

Along with defeating the Bears the 'Cats also knocked off Metro State University (Col.) and Southern Colorado University. In both matches the Bearcats only dropped one match on their way to 5-1 victories.

"It really shows (the team) that we can beat these teams," head coach Mark Rosewell said. "But like I said, a lot of things can happen in six or

seven weeks with people getting hurt. But, it shows them they are capable of beating anybody."

A big improvement for the netters came in doubles play. A week ago the 'Cats dropped every doubles match in losses to Drury University and Ouachita Baptist University. This weekend the 'Cats swept their doubles matches.

"We spent a lot of time on doubles particularly in the last week after that," Rosewell said. "Boy when you start out up 3-0 it gives you a huge psychological advantage."

Northwest senior No. 1 singles and doubles player Jon Sanchez brought home MIAA Player of the Week honors for his strong play.

Sanchez did not drop a set all weekend and he combined with doubles partner and senior Jarrod Smith to win three matches.

Another netter that got off to a great start was freshman Gena Lindsey. The St. Joseph native also

earned MIAA Player of the Week honors for her performance.

She won five of six matches as the women's team defeated Northern Colorado and Southern Colorado. Their only defeat was to Metro State.

"I really was happy with their play," Rosewell said. "What happened last year and the year before that was our No. 1 Rosa (Tapia) and our No. 2 Adriana (Hernandez) would win their matches and I was never quite sure about the rest of the team. But what happened this weekend is that they lost their matches and the rest of the team came through."

Overall, Rosewell was pleased with his teams' performance this weekend.

"I think we've really come of age," Rosewell said. "We've got really good teams, both men and women. They've won the conference the past two years and we played well this past weekend."

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Track sends five to Boston

Five members of the Northwest indoor track and field team qualified for the Division II Indoor National meet this weekend in Boston.

Gabriel Helms, Daniel McKim, Clint Prange and Jamaica Rector all qualified for the men's squad. McKim leads the squad by quali-

fying for both the weight throw and shot put.

The lone qualifier for the women's squad was Jenny Simmons, who qualified in the pole vault.

Softball start season at 1-3

The Northwest softball team started its season in the Missouri

Southern/Ott Foods Classic.

The Bearcats got off to a slow start, falling to North Dakota State 8-1 and Oklahoma City University 4-1.

On Saturday, the 'Cats fell to the host school 9-8. They were able to get their first win of the season against fellow MIAA opponent Southwest Baptist 2-1 in 8 innings.

Up next for the Bearcats is a road trip to the West Florida tournament March 17-21.

'Fall Classic' set for Arrowhead

By COLE YOUNG
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

It's official.

Pittsburg State announced in a Friday morning press conference that the November 15 game originally scheduled to take place at Carnie Smith Stadium in Pittsburg, Kan., has been moved to Arrowhead Stadium.

Last year, the two teams faced off in what was billed as "The Clash of the Champions." With a new season, a new name has been added to the matchup. The Fall Classic at Arrowhead is scheduled to start at 2 p.m. Nov. 15.

"When you think of the fall, you think of football," assistant athletic director Tommy Riggs said. "Whenever Northwest and Pitt State match up, it's a classic. We thought the name was something fresh to put on the game."

Along with the name, game day has also changed.

Last season, the two teams faced off on a Thursday night. This year the game takes place on a Saturday.

"If we were able to get 26,000 people in there on a Thursday night, I can't imagine how many were going to get on a Saturday afternoon," said Chuck Broyles, head football coach and athletic director.

The off-campus game between the two schools was originally slated as a one-year agreement, but Kansas City Chiefs owner Lamar Hunt was vocal about getting the game back to Arrowhead.

"Everyone in the Chiefs organization enjoyed last year and thought it was very refreshing," Hunt said. "From the security guards to everyone else in the organization had fun. It's a great event for Kansas City."

Players and families on both sides seemed to enjoy the game and view it as a great experience for their sons as well as a great recruiting tool.

"Not very often as an athletic director do you get high fives," Northwest athletic director Bob Boerigter said. "At this year's athletic banquet, I had parents give me high fives and thank me for the experience it provided for their sons."

The two teams combined have won 13 of the last 14 MIAA conference titles. Both teams boast having some of the best fans in the nation. For head coach Mel Tjeerdsma, the experience of the fans was one of the best things he got out of the game.

"It was a great joy in seeing what happened with our players, the Pittsburg players and the fans for both teams, even after the game," Tjeerdsma said. "What was just as exciting was to come home and hear all the stories that our fans had, that our alumni had."

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PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



Kelvin Parker

Parker led the Bearcats in scoring in both games in the MIAA tournament. His performances landed him a spot on the all-tourney team.

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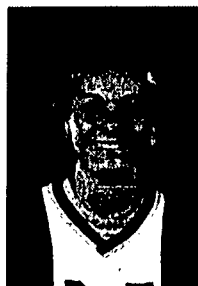
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Hogue came off the bench and made an impact for the Lady Cats in the MIAA tournament. She scored 10 points against Southwest Baptist and a team-high 16 points against Washburn.



Brooke Hogue

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A BREAKDOWN OF THE TEAMS JOINING NORTHWEST IN THE SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

1. Tarleton St. Texans



Record: 27-3, 11-1 in conf.
Conference: Lone Star
Head coach: Lonn Reisman, 15th season
Location: Stephenville, Texas
Key team stat: Five players are shooting 40 percent from beyond the arc or better.

Who to foul: Vincent Bridgewater, 57 percent
Who not to foul: Brandon Lee, 76.1 percent
Three-point threat: Kenan Joyce, 50 percent
Who to block out: Danny Jones, 11.4 rpg
Keep an eye on: Danny Jones, who has led the team in scoring in 14 games this season. He leads the team in minutes, averaging over 33 minutes a game.

2. Northeastern St. Redmen



Record: 26-3, 11-1 in conf.
Conference: Lone Star
Head coach: Larry Gipson, 6th season
Location: Tahlequah, Okla.
Key team stat: The Redmen shoot 51 percent from the field, but only 67 percent from the line.

Who to foul: Jon Shepherd, 58.1 percent
Who not to foul: Justin Barkley, 81.5 percent
Three-point threat: Derek Cline, 47.5 percent
Who to block out: Reggie Battee, 6.2 rpg
Keep an eye on: Justin Barkley, who is a calm shooter. He also knows how to share, dishing out 3.1 assists a game, second on the team.

3. Washburn Ichabods



Record: 25-5, 15-3 in conf.
Conference: MIAA
Head coach: Bob Chipman, 24th season
Location: Topeka, Kan.
Key team stat: The Ichabods like to shoot. They have shot the ball 105 more times than their opponent.

Who to foul: Troy Douglas, 54.9 percent
Who not to foul: Gary Woodland, 87.2 percent
Three-point threat: Ryan Murphy, 42.4 percent
Who to block out: Murphy, 6.7 rpg
Keep an eye on: Jeremy Cunningham, who only averages 8.3 ppg, but has produced solid numbers in almost every other category.

4. Missouri Western Griffons



Record: 23-7, 12-6 in conf.
Conference: MIAA
Head coach: Tom Smith, 13th season
Location: St. Joseph
Key team stat: The Griffons had four players average in double-figures in points in conference play.

Who to foul: Mario Davis, 50 percent
Who not to foul: Lou Chapman, 82.1 percent
Three-point threat: Matt Grove, 41.9 percent
Who to block out: Damon Bailey, 6.9 rpg
Keep an eye on: Tee Mason, a starter who shoots 80 percent from the free-throw line is fourth on the team in steals and third in assists.

6. West Texas A&M Buffaloes



Record: 21-9, 8-4 in conf.
Conference: Lone Star
Head coach: Rick Cooper, 10th season
Location: Canyon, Texas
Key team stat: The Buffaloes defeated the top two seeds in the conference to win the conference tourney.

Who to foul: Reggie Harris, 44.2 percent
Who not to foul: Matt Madison, 78.2 percent
Three-point threat: Madison, 44.7 percent
Who to block out: Kyle Caldwell, 5.6 rpg
Keep an eye on: Eduardo Caviglia, who comes off the bench and provides the Buffaloes with key minutes. He leads the team in block shots.

7. Central Okla. Broncos



Record: 19-9, 8-4 in conf.
Conference: Lone Star
Head coach: Terry Evans, first season
Location: Edmond, Okla.
Key team stat: The Broncos shoot only 31 percent from three-point range.

Who to foul: Marcus Steele, 41.5 percent
Who not to foul: B.J. Raney, 74.7 percent
Three-point threat: Demario Jones, 39.7 percent
Who to block out: Jason Pritchett, 8.4 rpg
Keep an eye on: Shaun McCleary, who may not shoot or rebound the ball very well, but he can sure pass the ball (2.8 apg).

8. St. Mary Rattlers



Record: 17-12, 8-2 in conf.
Conference: Heartland
Head coach: Buddy Meyer, 25th season
Location: San Antonio, Texas
Key team stat: The Rattlers only outscore their opponents by an average of six points per game.

Who to foul: Billy White, 56.5 percent
Who not to foul: Bryant Baker, 77.6 percent
Three-point threat: White, 41.2 percent
Who to block out: White, 6.4 rpg
Keep an eye on: Antonio Falu, who is second on the team in free-throw percentage and is the team's leading scorer (15.2 ppg).

Bearcats down Pitt State, fall to Western

By CLARK GRELL
SPORTS EDITOR

The Northwest men's basketball team was able to handle Pittsburg State University in the first round of the MIAA tournament in Kansas City but had problems with a familiar foe in the semifinals.

After shooting 55 percent from the field in a 95-73 win over Pitt State Friday, the Bearcats were unable to carry over into Saturday night against Missouri Western State College.

The Bearcats shot 34 percent from the field and found trouble containing the Western trio of Lou Chapman, Damon Bailey and Tyrice Mitchell who combined for 45 points in the Missouri Western 76-67 win.

Northwest controlled the tempo of the game early. They grasped onto a 21-18 lead with 8:48 remaining in the first half before Western went on a 14-0 run.

From that point, Western would not relinquish the lead. The Bearcats would attempt many small runs in the second half only to have their momentum halted by a clutch hoop on the other end by Western. "We needed to make big plays and make big shots," senior guard Scott Fleming said. "They seemed to always do that."

Northwest shot 14 percent from beyond the arc in the second half. Junior guard Kelvin Parker and Fleming combined to go 0-9 shooting three-pointers.

Yet, the Bearcats were able to hang with the Griffons and never

let them blow the game open.

"I thought our team played hard and battled," Tappmeyer said. "But we played a very good basketball team and came up short."

Fleming led the team in scoring, finishing with 16 points followed by Parker with 14 points. Senior Joel Yeldell grabbed 12 boards, nine of them in the first half.

"We played a good team tonight," head coach Steve Tappmeyer said. "We had just played them a week ago and there was a lot of similarities in those games. When we got down, we tried to make a run, and there was too many times we couldn't make plays."

Against the Gorillas, the Bearcats were able to make plays.

The Bearcats made 10 three-pointers in the route. Parker led the team in scoring while sophomore Jesse Shaw added 16 points off the bench.

"I just felt like I was in the right spot at the right time tonight," Shaw said.

The only statistic in which the Gorillas dominated was rebounds. They outrebounded the Bearcats 38-26.

The Gorillas kept it close early, but a Parker three-pointer with 11:46 remaining in the first half gave the Bearcats an 18-13 lead and busted the game wide open. Parker led the team in scoring with 21 points.

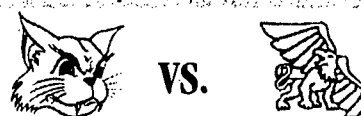
The 'Cats are back in action this weekend against Western in the first round of the South Central Regional tournament in Stephenville, Texas.

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PHOTO BY BILL KNUST EDITOR IN CHIEF
Jovan Perkins goes for a layup in the MIAA Tournament against Pitt State.

In depth: vs. Western



	Score	76
67	Field goal pct.	47.2
33.9	3-point pct.	38.1
20.8	Total rebounds	38
38	FT attempted	25
27	FT made	18
22	Turnovers	11
11	Bench scoring	28
19	Assists	16
5	Steals	6
19	Fouls	21
36	Halftime Score	41

Key Stat: Poor shooting plagued the Bearcats both on the inside and beyond the arc. Western didn't help matters shooting 47.2 percent to Northwest's 33.9 percent.

HOW THE MIAA TOURNAMENT BROKE DOWN

Women's first round, Thursday
Washburn 77, Truman State 48
Northwest 64, Southwest Baptist 57
Missouri Western 64, Pitt State 61
Emporia State 74, Missouri Southern 62

Men's first round, Friday
Washburn 75, CMSU 60
Missouri Southern 99, Emporia St. 98
Missouri Western 73, UMKC 56
Northwest 95, Pitt State 73

Women's semifinals, Saturday
Washburn 57, Northwest 52
Missouri Western 74, Emporia State 70

Men's semifinals, Saturday
Washburn 80, Missouri Southern 61
Missouri Western 76, Northwest 67

Women's final, Sunday
Washburn 71, Missouri Western 60

Men's final, Sunday
Missouri Western 75, Washburn 65

Women's All-MIAA Tournament team
G - Crystal Walker, Washburn
G - Lora Westling, Washburn
F - Stephanie Jones, MWSC
F - Nicole Lindsey, MWSC
F - Kristie McLain, Emporia State

Men's All-MIAA Tournament team
G - Larry Taylor, MWSC
G - Kelvin Parker, Northwest
C - Damon Bailey, MWSC
F - Jahmaar Warren, MSSC
F - Ryan Murphy, Washburn

REGIONALS from 1B

Bearcats await tough challenge in Texas

it's really hard to make drastic changes. We might try to tweak a few things, but it's all about executing better."

The winner will play the winner of the Tarleton State-St. Mary's (Texas) game. Washburn, Western Texas University, Central Oklahoma University and Northeastern State are in the other bracket.

Many of these teams lack what Northwest has — three consecutive runs in the region.

"I think playing in Kansas City is going to help us a lot," senior guard Scott Fleming said. "What I also think

is going to help us through it is the fact this is our fourth year down there, so we know what to expect. I don't know many teams that are going to be there that have made it the last four years."

But for the Bearcats to make a step to Tampa Bay, Fla., the team must get through the MIAA tournament championships.

"We know them, and they know us," Yeldell said. "It's going to be a classic battle."

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LOSS from 1B

Smithville prevents Spoofohounds from making rare trip to state tournament

the court opposite the action.

His return back from the concession stand is what caused the excitement. With Walter on the line shooting free throws, the student cut directly between players.

Walter's free throws were good, and the student got an early trip home to Smithville.

Maryville trailed 28-20 at the half. In the second half, Maryville would get no closer than eight.

"I really thought we had a chance in the third quarter," Cook said. "We needed to be able to get it within four or five, but we never could."

Going into the fourth quarter, Smithville was able to stretch its lead to 41-28.

Enter Holbrook again.

After not attempting a shot in the

Scoring by quarter

Maryville	10	10	8	6	34
Smithville	19	9	13	12	53

third quarter, she scored her final nine points in the fourth quarter.

Maryville finished their season at 16-13, while Smithville moved to 25-4.

Maryville was led by Walter with 11 points. Senior Cauleen Bradley finished her high school career with eight points.

The cupboard isn't dry for the 'Hounds, however as they return three starters.

"I think next year will be a good year," Walter said. "We have some experience coming back."

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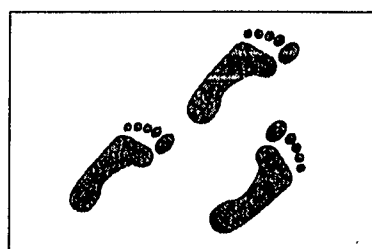
Concerts disappoint Your Man

It's truly a dark day in the history of Campus Activities when an event you pay your parents' hard-earned dough to attend is so insanely, suicide-inducingly boring that Your Man actually writes his weekly column there, simply because it was more fun than the event itself.

Then again, that's an understatement. This dud of the century made the concept of having a hot poker jammed into every orifice of my body seem beyond appealing. In fact, I think I'll do that after finishing this column to forget these horrible, horrible memories.

Well, all right, so it wasn't so bad. Maybe just bad enough for one or two hot pokers where the sun don't shine. (The nostrils, you perv. The nostrils.) However, unfortunate as it may be, it's safe to say that Monday's Coolio concert, well, for lack of a better term, um, sucked ass. And what's worse is that Your Man, along with the 75 other Northwest students who attended this feeble excuse for a memorable event, was too learning-disabled to discover the cold, hard truth beforehand.

Yes, from the intellectually stimulating joy of hearing "PUT YO MOTHAF*CKIN' HANDS UP!" every 3.5 seconds to the excruciating pain of holding my blood-drained arms in the air for more than three hours simply because a few washed-up rappers so politely instructed me to do so (for reasons that will always perplex me despite my extensive Northwest rap concert experience and expertise), and, of course, to the constant sight of fourteen-year-old girls shaking their prepubescent



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rumps on stage for our featured performers' entertainment, Your Man was left with much to be desired regarding the not-so-anticipated event. Like maybe eight bucks, three or four horribly mispent hours and the return of happiness and emotional stability to my life.

However, re-sheath your poison-tipped pens, angry supporters of Campus Activities. Your Man does not blame you or Spotlight, our hardworking (cough...ahem) yeah, hardworking campus organization dedicated to bringing Northwest quality entertainment three or four, or—wait, did I say quality?—zero times a year.

Seriously though, in the always-accurate opinion of your Stroller, this catastrophic excuse for entertainment is no fault of Spotlight's. Probably not, anyway.

While Your Man does not know, or necessarily care, about the operating funds of this organization, the purchase of big names like Coolio and Rob Base project the hint that we're well below the poverty line. This is obviously contrary to the ways of the past when word on the street is that names like Adam Sandler, George Carlin and, um, Carrot Top once graced the stage of Mary Linn.

And, as history has shown us, the increasing decline of quality performers will more than likely only continue to worsen. Next up, those dudes who sang "Da da da." Who the hell were those guys anyway? I'm sure I'll get the opportunity to meet when they open for the Macarena men next year.

So here's an ever-so-friendly public service proposition from your Stroller. Maybe there's something we as a student body can do to help Spotlight out and get us a halfway decent entertainer. In this educated opinion, ditching three or four crappy concerts for one or two decent ones is most definitely worth the wait. Or perhaps we could even each donate a dollar and a kidney and try to get Dave Matthews up in here. That, or we can wait a year until John Mayer's all washed up. At least then we'd all remember when he was cool.

So, for once, let's ditch the apathy for a cause that—well, I guess this isn't really that important, but hey, it's entertainment, right? Let's see what we can do to decrease the rampant crappiness of campus performers. And if the opportunities for improvement don't exist, at least tell Spotlight they suck. A lot.

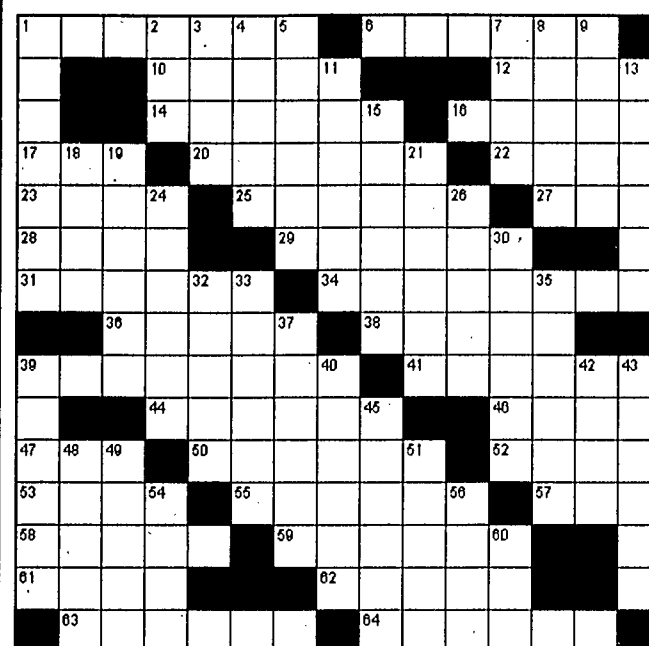
Besides, we haven't much choice. Your Man is thinking next year's headlining event just may progress to that of a wall onstage adorned with drying paint.

Hey, as long as it tells me to "PUT MY MOTHAF*CKIN' HANDS UP," it's all good.

God and/or Spotlight, please help us.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

WEEKLY CROSSWORD



Across

1. Head men
6. Calculate
10. Assisted
12. Stuff
14. Pancakes
16. Palm-like
17. Illustrative
20. Capital of Zambia
22. Prunes
23. Female name
25. Crushing teeth
27. Strike lightly
28. FBI agents (1-3)

Down

29. Recaptured
31. Fight
34. Raging
36. Golf clubs
38. Taxes
39. Fits of rage
41. Tibetan porter
44. Flowing water
46. Been supine
47. Boring tool
50. Trade route
52. Seconds
53. Ruffian
55. Timber fungus (3,3)
57. Legal science
58. Pertaining to a cone
59. Balkan country
61. Arches
62. Insurgent
63. Flower parts
64. N. Puerto Rico city

5. Detecting device
7. Kilocalorie
8. Lowermost deck
9. W. Idaho city
11. Called
13. Of occult character
15. Person who skates
18. Frolic
19. Necktie clip
21. Smells
24. Grunts
26. Truth
30. Genuflects
32. Arranges in groups
33. Toughened
35. Republic in SW Asia
37. Defames
39. Roof covering
40. Person who saws
42. Size of type
43. Reply
45. Spoiled
48. Cry of exultation
49. Sudden forward thrust
51. Hooligan (Brit)
54. Essential point
56. Stratum
60. According to (Fr) (1,2)

Answers can be found on this page

on the edge

Concert facts:

■ The last song played in concert by the Beatles was "Long Tall Sally" in San Francisco's Candlestick Park in 1966.

■ The Ramones claimed they played so loudly at a 1977 concert in Marseilles, France, that their instruments used enough power to cause a blackout across the city.

■ Diana Ross managed to offend the entire Roman population in October of 1985 when she told the media that no one should be permitted to wear jeans to her concerts. She asked the Romans to wear formal clothing to set the proper mood.

■ After a concert, Van Halen's David Lee Roth would sit in the door of their tour bus and have the road manager douse his feet in Perrier.

■ The first American pop group to tour the USSR was the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band during their 1977 concert tour.

■ At a concert in Sacramento, Calif., in 1965, Keith Richards smashed his microphone with the neck of his guitar. It caused a giant bolt of electricity that sent Richards flying through the air and knocked him on his back, unconscious. Two minutes later, he came to. He credited his survival to the thick soles of the suede Hush Puppy boots he was wearing at the time.

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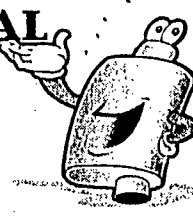
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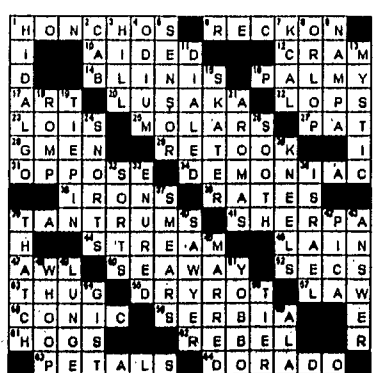
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